Form Information

JD Form Type: Perennial

Project Location and Background Information

State	AK - Alaska
County/parish/borough	Valdez-Cordova
City	Copper River Valley
Lat	62.3024
Long	-145.3076
Nearest Waterbody	Gakona River
TNW into which the aquatic resource flows	Copper River
Watershed or HUC	
Map or diagram available	■ (Review or Jurisdictional Area)
JD recorded associated sites?	■ (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc¿)
Universal Transverse Mercator:	[ ]

Form Characteristics

Each characteristic may or may not be available depending on the form type chosen.

Perennial Form

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Dates

JD Sequence: 1

■ Office Determination Date 04-Apr-2008

■ Field Determination Date(s)

Request Date 21-Mar-2008

Offsite

Area

Linear

Limits basis Established by OHWM

OHWM Elevation (if known)

Selected Water

Folder POA-2007-01439
Form JD1
Name POA-2008-399, Tongass Narrows
Local Waterway Gukona River

Determination

Type Relatively Permanent Waters (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
Area 4.046856
Flow Intermittent flow.
Flow Rationale The Gakona River is a cataloged fish stream. Stream No. 212-20-10080-2481. The river is also depicted on topographic maps.

Physical Characteristics

Relationship with TNW
Tributary stream order: 1

General Tributary Characteristics
Tributary

■ Natural

■ Artificial (man-made).

■ Manipulated (man-altered).

Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):
Average Width
Average Depth
Average Side Slopes [ ]

Primary tributary substrate composition

■ Silts

■ Sands

■ Concrete

■ Cobbles

■ Gravel

■ Muck

■ Bedrock

■ Vegetation

■ Other

Tributary has (check all that apply):
Describe the tributary condition/stability (e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks)
Describe the presence of run/riffle/pool complexes
Tributary geometry [ ]
Tributary gradient % (approximate average slope)

Flow
Flow Type: Intermittent flow.
# of flow events [ ] (Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year)
Describe flow regime

Other information on duration and volume

Surface flow [ ]

Characteristics:

Subsurface Flow [ ]

Explain Findings

- ■ Dye (or other) test performed
- ■ Bed and banks
- ■ OHWM (Check all indicators that apply):
  - ■ clear, natural line impressed on the bank
  - ■ changes in the character of soil
  - ■ shelving
  - ■ vegetation matted down, bent, or absent
  - ■ leaf litter disturbed or washed away
  - ■ sediment deposition
  - ■ water staining
  - ■ other (list):
  - ■ the presence of litter and debris
  - ■ destruction of terrestrial vegetation
  - ■ the presence of wrack line
  - ■ sediment sorting
  - ■ scour
  - ■ multiple observed or predicted flow events
  - ■ abrupt change in plant community

■ Discontinuous OHWM

If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):

- ■ High Tide Line indicated by
  - ■ oil or scum line along shore objects
  - ■ fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)
  - ■ physical markings/characteristics
  - ■ tidal gauges
  - ■ other (list):
- ■ Mean High Water Mark indicated by
  - ■ survey to available datum;
  - ■ physcial markings;
  - ■ vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.

Chemical Characteristics

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.).

Identify specific pollutants, if known

Biological Characteristics

Channel/Wetland supports (check all that apply):

- ■ Riparian corridor
- ■ Wetland fringe
- ■ Habitat for
  - ■ Federally Listed species
  - ■ Fish/spawn areas

    Explain findings: The Gakona River is listed as an anadromous fish stream no. 212-20-10080-2481
  - ■ Other environmentally-sensitive species
  - ■ Aquatic/wildlife diversity